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Serial No.: Unassigned ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF )  
HIGH-SPEED TRANSMISSION )  
AND APPROPRIATE )  
TRANSMISSION APPARATUS )

being a Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/04782  
filed July 31, 1998

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 4, insert -- This application is a continuation of International

Application No. PCT/EP98/04782, filed July 31, 1998, the content of which is  
incorporated herein by reference.--

Page 3, between lines 28 and 29, insert: